Things I Miss

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
the hum of everyone in assembly  
and the joyful sound of us singing together.

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
Miss Wood on the flipchart writing up our ideas  
as we make up a story together  
and the room is alive with creativity.

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
meeting with my friends each morning,  
even when the playground was cold.

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
showing the little ones how to read  
and help my friends with tidying up the class.

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
my pencil case with all my pencils  
and the smell of the inside of my school bag.

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
finding a new book that I love from the class library.

I didn’t know I’d miss –  
school dinners, especially  
the thick layer on top of custard.                     By Tina